HIV. But in patients who posses variants of these genes it may lead to faster disease progression. A study carried out in the AIIMS, New Delhi has reported that certain genes that confer protection against progression to AIDS in HIV-infected patients occur in lower frequency in Indian populations. The study also reported that genes associated with faster disease progression are more common in Indians.

Study on diabetes by AIIMS

1375. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study on diabetes conducted by AIIMS has warned kids on over-diet as reported in print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government on this study report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) a study was conducted by All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) during the period 2000-04 under which 1994 students were surveyed. It was found during the study that 15% of the students were obese and many had syndrome X (the metabolic syndrome) and other risk factors for heart disease. It was also felt that their macro-and micro nutrient intake was imbalanced and substantial number of them were sedentary.

Since creating awareness through Information Education and Communication is the main strategy to tackle the issue of obesity, this component has been incorporated in the National Programme for Control of Diabetes and Cardio-Vascular (CVD) for which this Ministry has sought in principle approval from the Planning Commission.

Family Welfare Centres in the country

1376. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of family welfare centres functioning in the country, particularly in rural areas, State-wise;